



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6929

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF CAPTIONED MOVIES TO
HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) Motion picture companies doing business in this state shall
2 make available and distribute to not fewer than one theater with ten or
3 more screens an open captioned version or closed captioned version of
4 any movie with a playing time of not fewer than sixty minutes and
5 which the noncaptioned version of such movie is shown not fewer
6 than seven consecutive days in a theater in this state. Any theater with
7 ten or more screens receiving an open captioned version or closed
8 captioned version of a movie from a motion picture company pursuant
9 to this section shall show such version for not fewer than seven
10 consecutive days during such theater's regular hours at show times
11 similar to the show times of noncaptioned movies at such theater. Any
12 such theater may request open captioned or closed captioned versions
13 of movies and motion picture companies shall supply the requested
14 version. Any person who violates this section shall be assessed a civil
15 penalty of not more than three thousand dollars.

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